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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 821  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Stone's River Woman's Club on being named the "Outstanding Large Club" at the 104th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Tennessee, and to commend the Club for its outstanding record of public service.

WHEREAS, one of the most impressive features of the culture of our nation is the vast reservoir of talent and energy applied to volunteerism through various clubs and other organizations; such volunteer projects are a significant factor in improving the quality of life for many within this country; and

WHEREAS, the Stones River Woman's Club is one such organization whose community service projects have earned it the "Outstanding Large Club" award at the 104th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the 90 members of Stones River engaged in an amazing spectrum of community service projects, winning their second consecutive award for large clubs; and

WHEREAS, President Betty Richards provided tremendous leadership to the standing committees of Arts, Conservation, Education, Federation, Home Life, International Affairs,

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Public Affairs and Ways and Means, enabling the club to serve the community in many ways;  
and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club contributed over \$105,000 to various community projects, one of which was the Community Leadership Education Workshop (CLEW), patterned after the Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) leadership conferences. CLEW serves sophomores from local high schools in gaining skills in leadership, with two scholarships being given to send students to the state HOBY Conference in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, the Stones River Woman's Club participated with other civic organizations in the Two Rivers Middle School's "Trail of Peace" to build a trail for the handicapped; trees and flowers were planted as a part of the landscaping done on "Make a Difference Day" in October;  
and

WHEREAS, its members prepared layettes for a local hospital to reach teens and indigent mothers; the layettes included clothing, bottles and disposable diapers; and

WHEREAS, club members staffed the Second Saturday Book Sale to raise money for the Nashville Library; and

WHEREAS, the Stones River Woman's Club also works with Operation Smile by supplying personal care items for "Smile Bags," and will assist in such fundraising events as the "Jumping Horse Show" to be held at Maryland Farms on June 3, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Club's Committee on International Affairs prepared gift boxes for the children of Kosovo, provided food for Second Harvest Food Bank, and sponsors a child in Haiti;  
and

WHEREAS, its members have also contributed their time and talents to benefit the American Heart Association; the Salvation Army's Angel Tree at Christmas, and the Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, the Club's primary fundraiser is the Christmas Open House at the Two Rivers Mansion, with proceeds going toward the restoration of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, these and other projects too numerous to mention have benefited thousands of people, both at home and abroad, and it is important that we honor the countless volunteers who have given of their time and talents to perpetuate the public good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this General Assembly congratulates the members of the Stones River Woman's Club on being named "Outstanding Large Club" at the 104th Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend everyone affiliated with the Club for their stellar community service and thank them for their untiring efforts to improve their community, state, and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.